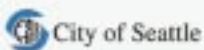


Get Involved
in Your Northeast
Neighborhood

2000

Neighborhood Plan Implementation



April 2001

Dear Community Member:

In 1999, the City Council finished the approval process for 38 neighborhood plans created by nearly 20,000 citizens. The plans identify actions needed to ensure that each neighborhood will continue to thrive and improve as Seattle grows over the next 20 years in ways that meet our commitments under the State's Growth Management Act. We are happy to report that the process of making these plans a reality is well underway.

1. The community is leading much of the activity with the help of the City's Neighborhood Matching Fund. The Fund has been tripled to \$4.5 million over the past three years. Matching the City's contribution with donated cash and volunteer labor, the community is now completing about 250 neighborhood improvement projects each year.
2. Seattle's voters have committed major funding to carry out key portions of the plans through three ballot measures. A 1998 bond measure is resulting in 27 new, expanded, or renovated branch libraries and a new Downtown library; a 1999 levy will develop 11 new or expanded community centers; and last November's levy will produce over 100 park projects throughout Seattle.
3. Most of the work, though, will result from the City's new way of doing business: a decentralization to organize the work of City government around neighborhood priorities as defined by the neighborhoods themselves. Seattle has been divided into six sectors as shown on the map to the right. Decentralization makes it easier for departments to work together and with the community.

These things combined are converting neighborhood plans into real neighborhood improvements. Action on more than 1,000 plan recommendations is already underway or completed: new public facilities, parks, and community gardens; street repair; public safety and traffic improvements; design guidelines; art projects; and much more.

While this report focuses on what's being done to fulfill the neighborhood plans in your sector, other kinds of improvements are also occurring in your sector and throughout Seattle. The report lists community and City contact people for key projects in the hope that you will want to join in making your neighborhood the best possible place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Paul Schell
Mayor of Seattle

Richard Conlin, Seattle City Council
Neighborhoods, Sustainability and
Community Development Committee Chair

Northeast

- Northgate Urban Center
- Lake City/North Neighborhoods
- University Community Urban Center
- Roosevelt



Roosevelt found its marbles.

Northeast Sector

Projects Completed

Community Design

1. **Neighborhood Design Guidelines** — Both Roosevelt and University Community Urban Center have completed design guidelines, building on the citywide design guidance.

Transportation

2. **NE 30th Demonstration Sidewalks** — SeaTran completed two blocks of innovative demonstration sidewalks across from the Lake City Neighborhood Service Center on 30th Avenue NE. They include a continuous planting strip and gravel drainage “creek” to handle rainfall and run-off more naturally than traditional tree pits and drains.

Arts and Culture

3. **University Walking Tour** — University Community Urban Center neighborhood planners completed a walking tour brochure of art and culture in the University District.
4. **Roosevelt Signature and Identity** — Using Early Implementation Fund money, Roosevelt engaged an artist to develop a fun and unusual public art project in 2000: 15 utility poles were wrapped up to 25 feet high in a mosaic of multicolored marbles, each a unique design and notable landmark to be enjoyed for years to come.

Public Space

5. **Last Open Space in Lake City** — This small neighborhood space officially became a park in 2000, including a much-needed children’s play area, restrooms, and open field space for informal activities. Surrounded by dense multifamily housing, this small park will help support the increasing number of families with young children in the area. Further work to enhance the park is expected in 2001 or 2002.
6. **Lake City Parking** — Lake City saw the return of a City-owned (but previously leased out) parking lot, now signed and striped for short-term parking.
7. **Preservation of Ravenna Woods** — Community donations exceeding \$400,000, a \$300,000 Neighborhood Matching Fund award, and significant support from the Mayor and City Council helped preserve Ravenna Woods, a 1.1-acre parcel of land north of the University of Washington and west of University Village, in perpetuity.



University Heights will benefit from upgrades along NE 50th Street.



Last Open Space in Lake City serves a growing population of young families.



Ravenna Woods will remain an urban oasis of natural habitat.

Projects in Progress

Community Design

1. **Lake City Design Guidelines** — Lake City has started developing design guidelines, assisted by advice from the Roosevelt community and DCLU.
2. **Northgate Vision** — Workshops and visioning exercises are continuing in Northgate. The community is working with the City, County, Sound Transit, Simon Properties, and potential buyers to explore strategies to develop Northgate Mall's South Lot in ways that meet the goals of the 1993 Northgate Plan.
3. **Lake City Civic Core** — Lake City is creating a master plan for its 10- to 20-year vision: the plan includes an expanded library, new Neighborhood Service Center, improvements to Albert Davis Park, and a redeveloped community center.

Libraries for All

4. **Northgate Branch Library** — A new 10,000-sq.-ft. library will be built in the heart of Northgate. The siting process began in 2000 and property will be acquired in 2001. The Library has been a key player in the Northgate visioning process to ensure compatibility of its new facility with other public and private developments in Northgate.
5. **Lake City Library Expansion** — The Lake City Library will be expanded by over 5,000 sq. ft. and coordinated with construction of a new Neighborhood Service Center as part of the Lake City Civic Core vision. Architect selection took place in 2000 and design work will continue through 2001.

Community Centers

6. **Northgate Community Center** — A new community center will be built in Northgate. The siting process, begun in late 2000, will continue through 2001; property may be acquired in 2001. Seattle Parks and Recreation has been a key participant in the Northgate visioning process.

Parks

7. **Froula Park Renovation** — Renovation of Roosevelt's Froula Park, which will be completed in 2001, includes upgrading and reconfiguring play equipment.



Roosevelt's Froula Park will be redesigned.

8. **Cowen Park Improvements** — Phase II of the implementation of Cowen Park's Master Plan, which includes completion of an adventure play area, was a priority of the Roosevelt plan. The work continues with support from the voter-approved Pro Parks Levy, the Neighborhood Matching Fund, and community contributions. A cable glide and whirlingig will be installed at Cowen Park in 2001.

Transportation

9. **Sound Transit Station Area Planning** — In 2000, region-wide interest in extending light rail from the University District to Northgate grew stronger. Northgate, along with neighboring Roosevelt, began station area planning in earnest and residents and business owners in the University Community Urban Center presented conceptual station area packages to City Council for consideration. In 2001, the neighborhood and the City's Strategic Planning Office will focus on station area management.
10. **The Ave Project** — The neighborhood plan cited wider sidewalks and improved utilities along University Way as key strategies to revitalize this commercial corridor. The University Way Multi-Modal Transportation Project will reconfigure and upgrade the infrastructure, surface, and operations along "The Ave" from Campus Parkway to NE 50th Street: its preliminary design is complete and construction will begin in 2002 or 2004, depending on funding.
11. **State Route 522** — The SR-522 Multi-Modal Transportation Project, which includes transit improvements and new sidewalks, will begin in summer 2001 with the resurfacing of Lake City Way from I-5 to NE 145th Street.
12. **NE 50th Multi-Modal Project** — Addressing the traffic and pedestrian environment of NE 50th Street was a priority of the University Community Urban Center plan. The street will be resurfaced and resigned, from I-5 to 16th Avenue NE, in summer 2001.
13. **NE 65th Multi-Modal Project** — NE 65th Street, a major east-west arterial and focal point of Roosevelt's neighborhood plan, is undergoing significant redevelopment. The scope of work to resurface and resignalize NE 65th Street will be established in the first half of 2001.

Major Education Facilities

14. **Roosevelt High School** — The Seattle School District has begun scoping and community involvement efforts in anticipation of Roosevelt High School's renovation, which is scheduled to be complete by 2005.
15. **UW Master Plan** — The University of Washington's master plan for 2002 to 2012 should be complete by mid-2001. The master plan provides a significant opportunity to implement elements of the University Community Urban Center neighborhood plan.

If you want to get involved in a Northeast Sector project

Future Projects

Pro Parks Levy Projects

1. New Northgate Park
Acquisition — The voter-approved Pro Parks Levy will provide funding for acquisition of new park property in Northgate. Community preferences and the Northgate Comprehensive Plan indicate interest in acquiring the North Northgate Park & Ride lot from King County for use as an active park. To acquire the site, new parking for King County and funding in addition to that within the Levy need to be identified.
2. Albert Davis Park — The Lake City/North Neighborhoods Plan calls for redevelopment of its public facilities into a Civic Core. Acquiring property north of the existing park is one of the first steps toward that goal. The redeveloped park will feature amenities such as a children’s play area, and will be constructed over underground parking.
3. 7th Avenue Street End — Developing a park at the 7th Avenue Street End will provide better community access to the waterfront, as outlined in the University Community Urban Center plan.

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The Ave Project, Patty Whisler	522-1181
University Design Guidelines, Roger Wagoner	505-3400
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SeaTran/50 th Street, Rob Gorman	233-7205
SeaTran/SR-522, Laura Scharf	684-5150
Seattle School District, Kathy Johnson	298-7653

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Roosevelt’s Froula Park and Roosevelt Reservoir

Accommodations for persons with disabilities provided upon request.
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